ous nature of duties on international flights.

Telephone Exchanges in Banaskantha, Gujarat

3084. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Telephone exchanges : District Banaskantha, Gujarat, Particularly at Tharadt;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to set up telephone exchanges in District Banaskantha, Gujarat, at places where a registered paid demand for a minimum of 1 applicants is available.

(ii) There are two stations, namely Tharad and Thara where Manual Telephone Exchanges are already working. These are planned to be replaced by automatic Electronic exchanges before December, 1994.

Gem Deposits in Eastern Orissa

3085. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on the Gem deposits in Bolangir, Kalahandi, Phulbani and koraput districts of Orissa has been carried out in those areas;

(b) whether there is any proposal for setting up a Gem Mining unit in those areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the large scale illegal trading of Gems and semi-precious stones is being carried out there; and

(e) the action taken/being taken to stop such activities there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). In Orissa UNDP assisted project titled "Development of Gemstone Resources of Orissa State" is currently under implementation. The project aims at delineation of gem-stone prospects of the State, optimum recovery through adoption of appropriate mining and processing techniques, establishment of a Modern Gem Testing Laboratory and upgradation of knowledge, skill and expertise in the related fields through training.

(d) Some illegal mining and trading of gems and semi-precious stones from these districts have been reported.

(e)The Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft and Other Unlawful Activities) Act, 1989 and the Rules thereunder have been enforced since May, 1990 in order to prevent clandestine activities in minerals including precious and semi-precious stones.

Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices, Telephone Exchanges and P.C.Os.

3086. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices/ Sub-Post Offices/Telephone Exchanges and P.C. Os. opened during the last 1991-92 in the different States and Union Territories;

(b)) the number such offices opened till dated how long it will take to complete the

target; and

(c) the break-up of such offices targetted to be opened in the State and Union Territories during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Telephone Exchange – the information is given in attached Statement. Branch post offices, sub-post offices and p.COs – information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The opening of new telephone exchanges is carried out as and when a minimum demand is registered at a place. Targets are fixed to meet the telephone demand either through expansion of existing exchanges or where new demand comes up, new exchanges are opened. It is not feasible to give break-up of targets fixed for 1992-93 in respect of telephone exchanges, branch post offices and sub post offices at this stage as the same have not been finalised.

The information regarding the break-up of P.C.Os. targetted to be opened in the States and Union Territories during 1992-93 is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Exch. as on 31.3.91	Equipped Capacity as on 31.3.91	No. of Exch. as on 31.3.92	Equipped capacity as on 31.3.92	Exch. Added during the year upto 31.3.92	Capacity added during the year 31.3.92	Target for sw. capacity 1991-92
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2009	383724	2007	405651	(-) 2	21927	60036
2.	Assam	218	50799	217	55501	(-) 1	4729	17164
3.	Bihar	462	126794	481	137120	19	10326	31149
4.	Gujarat (includes Diu, Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli)	1024	497208	1044	518251	20	21043	88349
5.	Haryana	411	130607	433	139372	2	8765	31381
6.	Himachal Pradesh	311	39374	326	3154	15	3780	10844
7.	J & K	140	32823	148	33722	8	899	6117
8.	Karnataka	1631	372747	1661	395130	30	22383	56619

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9.	Kerala (includes Lakshad-weep UT)	648	281607	659	313392	11	31785	77403
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1259	264382	1366	290094	107	25712	70327
11.	Maharashtra (Includes Goa State)	1756	1210414	1813	1307444	57	97030	142571
12.	North East (Includes States Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagalan, Tripura)	168	32376	170	35097	2	2721	9717
13.	Orissa	475	8369	97	94699	22	11630	11770
14.	Punjab (Includes Chandigarh)	550	227279	554	23919	4	760	48674

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15.	Rajasthan	882	197477	895	204934	13	7457	31452
16.	Tamil Nadu (Includes Pondicherry)	1276	499862	1282	520944	6	21082	62152
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1237	400337	1265	36103	28	35766	77928
18.	West Bengal (Includes Sikkim State) & Andaman & Nicobar)	546	38572	537	389565	(-) 9	4093	46133
19.	Delhi (UT)	70	607676	74	676676	4	69000	70900
		15073	5824027	15429	6231768	356	40771	960966